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25 August 2015

Dear P Curran,

**REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**  
**Cabinet Office Internal Review Reference: IR 321173**  
**(Original Case Reference: Fol 321173)**

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2015. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information of 8 June 2015. In your request you asked for information about the trial of Patrick Rock.

It may be helpful if I start by explaining that the Freedom of Information Act provides a right of access, subject to exemptions, to information held in a recorded format by a public authority. Public authorities are specifically scheduled under the Act and the Cabinet Office (including No10 Downing Street) is one of those scheduled authorities. Each government department and agency is separately listed under the Act.

As such, the Cabinet Office can only respond in terms of information we hold in a recorded format. I have reviewed your request and have concluded that the Cabinet Office does not hold any recorded information, which would answer your question. I recognise your interest in this case but I regret that we do not hold the information to be able to answer your question.

The substance of your request is a matter for the criminal justice system, which is outside the remit of the Cabinet Office. The only advice and assistance I am able to offer is to suggest that you write to the Crown Prosecution Service or Her Majesty's Court Service. I should also explain that even if they hold any information in a recorded format in scope of your request, one or more exemptions under the Act might apply.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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